Access to Clinical Preventive Services

Lacking health insurance

After the Affordable Care Act (ACA)’s measures to expand health insurance coverage went into effect the percent of Oregonians without health insurance declined from 14.5% in 2013 to 5.3% in 2015. In 2017 the percent increased slightly to 6.2%, likely due to methodological changes in the way the data was analyzed (Figure 1).

The change in uninsured rates since 2013 is driven by the substantial increase in enrollment in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP; Figure 2).

Source: Oregon Health Insurance Survey, Office of Health Analytics
In 2015, after the Affordable Care Act was implemented, only 2.2% of Black Oregonians lacked health insurance coverage (Figure 3). Increasing access to health care for all residents is an important goal of Oregon’s health systems transformation efforts.
About the Data: The data source is the Oregon Health Insurance Survey (OHIS) by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OHIS provides detailed information on the health coverage, access, and utilization of Oregon’s residents. In 2017, a more sophisticated method of collecting and weighting the data was implemented which likely represents a more accurate picture of the number of people insured in the state. For more information on OHIS, visit the Health Insurance Coverage webpage:
http://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/ANALYTICS/Pages/Insurance-Data.aspx

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